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SUBJ: POSSIBLE AMNESTY

1. SANTIAGO PAPER LA TERCERA CARRIED FEATURE STORY DEC 13 CITING UNOFFICIAL BUT ALLEGEDLY WELL-INFORMED SOURCES CLOSE TO JUNTA TO EFFECT GOC WILL DECLARE CHRISTMAS AMNESTY FOR "POLITICAL PRISONERS" WHO HAVE NOT PARTICIPATED IN ACTUAL TERRORIST PLANS OR ACTIVITIES. STORY CLAIMED LIST OF THOSE TO RECEIVE BENEFIT AMNESTY ALREADY PREPARED, TO BE ANNOUNCED CLOSE TO CHRISTMAS IN CONJUNCTION ADDRESS TO NATION BY GEN. PINOCHET CALLING FOR NATION PEACE, HARMONY, UNITY.
2. SEVERAL PAPERS ALSO CARRIED STORY ON DEC 13 OF RETURN TO SANTIAGO OF TWO DETAINEES FROM DAWSON ISLAND, DR PATRICIO GIJON, PERSONAL PHYSICIAN OF LATE PRES ALLENDE, AND LAWYER ORLANDO BUDNEVICH, LEADER OF FORMER SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY WHICH MERGED DURING ALLENDE YEARS WITH RADICAL PARTY, NOW OUTLAWED. GIJON AND BUDNEVICH SAID TO BE HELD IN HOUSE ARREST IN SANTIAGO.
3. COMMENT. APPEARANCE OF TWO STORIES ON SAME DAY MAY BE PURE COINCIDENCE, BUT DOUBTFUL THAT CENSORED PAPER WOULD PRINT STORY ON SUCH SENSITIVE SUBJECT AS AMNESTY FOR

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UP FIGURES UNLESS PERMITTED BY GOC. GOC MAY INDEED HAVE SUCH

VVAN WHICH WOULD PERMIT FREEING AND PERHAPS EXILE NUMBER OF  
DETAINEES, OR IT MAY BE FLOATING TRIAL BALLON TO GAUGE PUBLIC  
REACTION TO IDEA. RELEASE SOME DETAINEES EVEN IF TIED TO HOUSE  
ARREST OR EXILE WOULD BE WELCOMED IN MODERATE CIRCLES IN CHILE  
AND PROBABLY WOULD IMPROVE GOC IMAGE ABROAD.  
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